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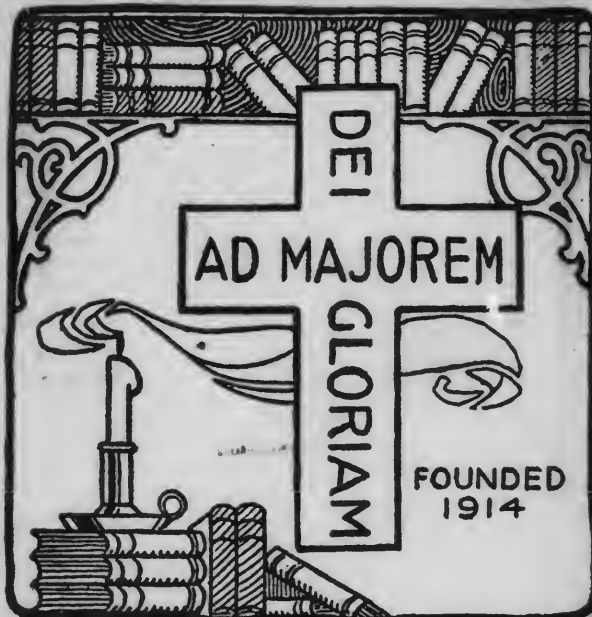
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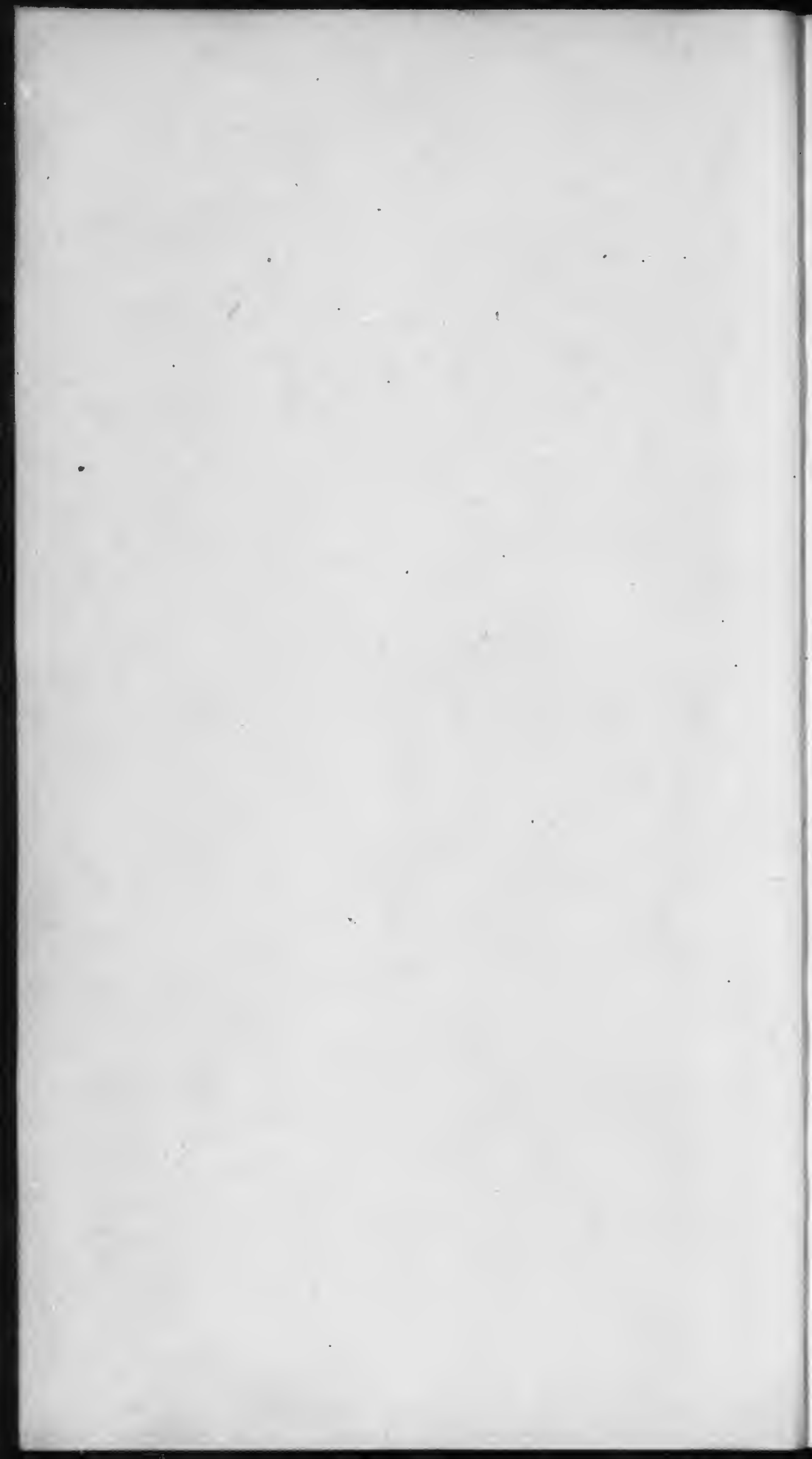
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### MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE

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#### First Day

DES MOINES, IOWA, Sept. 23, 1857.

The fourteenth session of the Iowa Annual Conference convened in the M. E. church in Ft. Des Moines at 8:00 o'clock a. m., September 23d, 1857, Bishop Ames presiding.

*Opening.*—Religious services consisting of scripture lessons, singing and prayer, conducted by the Bishop, and continued by Dr. Berry, the Conference joining.

*Roll.*—The roll was called by the former Secretary and the following brethren answered to their names: Jos. McDowell, J. H. Power, L. W. Berry, Wm. Simpson, D. Worthington, Jos. Brooks, M. F. Shinn, O. C. Shelton, J. B. Hardy, E. W. Twinning, I. McClasky, R. F. Robinson, Jos. Gassner, M. Miller, P. F. Holtzinger, H. H. Badley, S. Haines, M. See, J. Q. Hammond, M. H. Hare, A. W. Johnson, John Jay, E. M. H. Flemming, J. C. Smith, W. Dennett, G. H. Clark, J. Guylee, John Darrah, F. W. Evans, J. Sherwood, A. Bussey, T. Dixon, D. H. Petefish, A. C. McDonald, R. Mulholland, I. P. Teter, J. A. Bradrick, Samuel Reynolds, N. Wells, G. W. Bamford, R. B. Allender, J. B. Rawls, John Anderson, A. J. Kirkpatrick, J. Kelly, W. C. Shippen.—46.

*Transfers.*—The following brethren were transferred and introduced to the Conference: Dr. Chas. Elliott, E. H. Waring, J. Burns, A. Robinson, D. H. Sergeant.

*Secretary.*—On motion Jos. Brooks was elected Secretary.

*Committees.*—The following committees were constituted:

Stewards: E. L. Briggs, S. Haines, Jos. Gassner.

Public Worship: J. B. Hardy, G. B. Joslin, E. M. H. Flemming.

Missions: The board of Presiding Elders.

Education: One from each district. Keokuk, J. C. Smith; Burlington, I. McClasky; Muscatine, John Harris; Mt. Pleasant, L. W. Darrah; Albia, R. B. Allender; Oskaloosa, J. Craig; Ft. Des Moines, S. P. Crawford; Chariton, D. N. Smith, Council Bluffs, T. M. Goodfellow. On motion the agents of the Iowa

Wesleyan University were added to the foregoing committee: W. F. Cowles, D. Worthington, Thos. E. Corkhill, John Darrah.

Sabbath Schools: One from each district. Keokuk, R. S. Robinson; Burlington, I. A. Bradrick; Muscatine, J. W. Sullivan; Mt. Pleasant, M. See; Albia, F. W. Evans; Oskaloosa, Enoch Wood; Ft. Des Moines, D. H. Petefish; Chariton, J. Sherwood; Council Bluffs, R. Mulholland. On motion M. Shinn was added.

Bible Cause.—Dr. Elliott, A. C. McDonald, M. H. Hare.

On motion the matters pertaining to the tract cause were referred to the committee on Sunday schools.

Obituaries: Jos. Brooks, R. S. Robinson, M. H. Hare.

Temperance: H. H. Badley, A. Bussey, H. Gibson.

On the Use of Tobacco: A. W. Stryker, W. Dennett, M. F. Shinn.

Periodicals: Dr. Chas. Elliott, W. J. Spaulding, J. Jay.

Slavery: One from each district. Keokuk, S. Haines; Burlington, I. P. Teter; Muscatine, J. W. Sullivan; Mt. Pleasant, D. Worthington; Albia, S. Hestwood; Oskaloosa, G. W. Bamford; Ft. Des Moines, H. H. Badley; Chariton, D. T. Sweem; Council Bluffs, I. Burns.

Postoffices: A. J. Kirkpatrick.

New York Book Accounts: R. B. Allender.

Publishing Minutes: Jos. Brooks.

Accounts of Central Christian Advocate: M. H. Hare.

*Draft.*—A draft on the chartered fund, amounting to \$20, was ordered.

*Bar.*—The bar of the Conference was fixed on a line drawn from the east side of the third window from the stand.

*Hours.*—The hour of 8:00 o'clock a. m. was fixed as the time of meeting and 12 o'clock as the time of adjourning Conference.

*Second Question.*—The second question was taken up: Who remain on trial? Sylvester Stewart discontinued. C. F. Spooner, Hiram Thomas, Jacob Delay, J. F. Goolman, G. N. Power, J. Hunt, W. A. Scott, R. M. Donahoo severally passed and continued on trial. J. M. Carle having left his work during the year was discontinued. J. M. Baker, F. C. Garrison, Henry Crellen, Wm. Clarridge, A. Lawback, J. T. Simmons severally passed and continued on trial.

*Fifth Question.*—Fifth question taken up: Who are elected and ordained elders this year? I. P. Teter and J. G. Thomson



passed and elected to elder's orders. T. Dickson, character passed, but had not been before the committee. D. H. Petefish passed and elected to elder's orders. R. Mulholland passed; not having completed the course of study was not elected to orders. S. Hestwood and B. Holland, characters passed. A. C. McDonald passed and elected to elder's orders. C. Woolsey passed. Jesse Sherwood passed and elected to elder's orders, D. Dickson passed and at his own request granted a superannuated relation. On motion the vote by which Bro. Mulholland was not elected to elder's orders was reconsidered. Thos. Audas, character passed.

*Eighth Question.*--Eighth question taken up: Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. W. Maxon, character passed and his relation continued. F. W. Cary presented and made effective. D. N. Smith and L. C. Woodford passed and relation continued.

*Reconsidered.*--Moved to reconsider the vote by which Jesse Sherwood was elected to elder's orders; carried by a count vote of 24 to 2, and not having passed a satisfactory examination on his course of study, was not elected.

*Studies Referred.*--On motion the studies on which W. C. Shippen was deficient were at his own request referred to him for the ensuing year, to be examined on them at the next Conference.

*Effective Elders.*--Examination of effective elders. M. Miller, after presenting his district and being presented by the preachers within his district, passed, S. Haines, J. C. Smith, S. Brooks, R. S. Robinson, C. Morey, L. T. Rowley, B. Holland and J. Brooks severally passed. J. H. Power presented his district and was passed. I. A. Bradrick, R. Reynolds, O. C. Shelton, I. McClasky, L. A. Smith passed. E. W. Twining presented his district and passed. J. W. Sullivan, John Harris, A. W. Stryker severally passed. G. W. Teas passed and granted a superannuate relation.

*Sunday School Circular.*--Documents pertaining to Sunday school interests presented and referred to the committee on Sunday schools.

*Book Concern Exhibits.*--Annual exhibits of the New York and Cincinnati book concerns, together with reports of the book committees, presented and read.

*Statistical Blanks.*—The blanks for statistics, prepared by the book concern, were presented, and on motion a collection taken to defray the expense of the same.

*Statistical Secretary.*—On motion Bro. Waring was appointed statistical secretary and Thos. E. Corkhill assistant secretary.

*Stewards.*—Bro. Briggs was excused from serving on the committee of Stewards and Bro. Hare appointed in his stead.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bro. Scott.

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## **Second Day**

DES MOINES, Iowa, September 24th, 1857.

Conference met; religious services led by Bro. A. Bussey.

*Roll.*—On motion the further calling of the roll was dispensed with for the remaining portion of the session.

Minutes read and corrected.

*Introduced.*—Bro. Judson of the Rock River Conference, and Bro. French of the Cincinnati Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

*Transfer.*—The transfer of D. H. Sargent of the Cincinnati Conference was announced by the Bishop, his name entered on the roll and he introduced to the Conference.

*Treasurer of Conference Missionary Society.*—Bro. Ingalls resigned his position as treasurer of the Conference Missionary society and Bro. Holtzinger was appointed in his stead.

*Auditing Committee.*—On motion the Sunday school committee were constituted an auditing committee to settle with the tract agents.

*Tract Cause.*—Bro. Johnson, treasurer of the Sunday School Society, was authorized to receive the funds of the tract society.

*Special Committee.*—Dr. Berry, Bros. Bussey and Shelton were appointed a committee to whom documents from the missionary society were referred.

*Effective Elders.*—The examination of effective elders resumed. Bro. Hammond presented Albia district as being in a flourishing condition, and reported about 1000 souls as being happily converted to God during the past year. Character passed.

P. W. Evans, G. H. Clark, A. Bussey, A. C. McDonald, John Jay severally passed. Bro. Simpson, Presiding Elder of Oska-loosa district, presented his district. Character passed. F. M. Slusser, J. Craig, W. D. Fouts and E. Woods severally passed. Bro. J. B. Hardy of Des Moines district, presented his district; character passed. S. P. Crawford, E. M. H. Flemming, H. H. Badley, A. W. Johnson, I. I. Stewart severally passed.

*Austin Coleman's Case.*—A. Coleman called and the Presiding Elder stating the charges were preferred, a committee of nine were appointed to try the case, as follows: J. Harris, O. C. Shel-ton, R. S. Robinson, H. Gibson, G. M. Goodfellow, I. McClas-key, S. Brooks, M. See, A. Bussey. Rev. D. Worthington was appointed by the Bishop as president of the committee, and Bro. Spaulding elected second assistant secretary, and appointed to serve as secretary in the case of Bro. Coleman.

*Appeal of J. W. B. Hewitt.*—An appeal by Rev. J. W. B. Hewitt from the decision of the Des Moines City quarterly conference, by which he was expelled as a local preacher was presented and referred to the last named committee.

*Appeal of Bro. John Orr.*—The appeal of Rev. John Orr from the decision of the Osceola quarterly conference by which he was expelled from the church was referred to the same committee.

*Effective Elders.*—Rev. P. P. Ingalls of Chariton district, represented his district, character passed. Bro. Guylee of Council Bluffs district, presented his district. Character passed. T. M. Goodfellow, J. L. Fort passed. S. Farlow passed and he granted a superannuate relation. M. F. Shinn passed and he granted a location. Bro. McDowell of the Mt. Pleasant district, reported his district in good condition; passed. M. H. Hare, W. Dennett, P. Holtzinger, M. See, H. Gibson, J. Gassner, T. E. Corkhill, W. F. Cowles, D. Worthington, J. Darrah passed.

*Fourth Question.*—Fourth question taken up: Who are the deacons? N. Wells, G. B. Bamford, A. J. Kirkpatrick, R. B. Allender, J. B. Rawles, J. M. Anderson, J. Kelly, D. T. Sweem, C. P. Reynolds, W. J. Spaulding severally examined and passed.

*First Question.*—First question taken up: Who are admitted on trial? W. W. Baily and J. H. McCutcheon were admitted on certificates of location. D. Thompson, G. W. Byrkit, Edward

Hill, George Clammer, G. W. Conrad, Chas. G. Milnes were recommended and admitted on trial. The recommendation of J. S. Allen, from Council Bluffs district, was on motion laid on the table. Phenis F. Brezee, A. S. Prather recommended and admitted on trial. James Hays was recommended by the Des Moines district, but his recommendation was laid on the table. J. W. Todd, Abner Orr, D. W. Robinson, J. W. Prince and Will S. Peterson were admitted on trial. J. B. Hill was readmitted on certificate of location. E. T. Coiner admitted on trial. M. Carrier was readmitted on certificate of location. Benjamin Shinn, J. B. Joselyn, John R. Cary were severally admitted on trial.

*Fifth Question.*—Fifth question resumed. Samuel Hestwood was elected to elder's orders. C. Woolsy and B. H. Hollan were reported by the committee as having passed a satisfactory examination on the course of study. They are ordained elders. W. W. Baily was elected to elder's orders.

*Seventeenth Question.*—Where shall our next Conference be held? On motion the time of the session was extended for the completion of the question. Fairfield was selected as the place and September 22nd, 1858, announced as the time.

*Committee on Slavery.*—Rev. Haines was relieved from the committee on slavery and Dr. Corkhill appointed to fill his place.

*Dr. Elliott Invited to Preach.*—On motion Dr. Elliott was invited to preach tomorrow evening on ministerial education.

*Committee on Education.*—On motion Jos. Brooks was added to the committee on education.

Notices were announced and the Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction by Bro Worthington.

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#### EVENING SESSION.

Conference met, Bishop Ames in the chair. Religious services were led by Rev. Robinson Scott, the Irish delegate. The minutes were read and approved.

*Third Question.*—Third question taken up: Who are admitted into full connection? The candidates for admission into full connection were called forward and solemnly addressed by the Bishop on the duties of the ministry in the presence of the con-

ference and the congregation and were examined with reference to their admission.

Religious services were extended in which various brethren participated in the narration of religious experience and their call to the Christian ministry.

On motion the Conference adjourned with the doxology, and benediction by Dr. Elliott.

### Third Day

DES MOINES, IOWA, September 25th, 1857.

Conference met, Bishop Ames in the chair. Religious services were conducted by Bro. Harris. Minutes were read and approved.

*Third Question.*—Bro. T. Boyle, a candidate for admission into full connection in the Conference, not having been present with the class at the last session, was examined by the Bishop before the Conference.

*Report on Missions.*—The missionary committee reported as follows, the report was accepted.

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions met at the Bishop's room on the evening of September 23, and organized by electing Wm. Simpson, chairman, and P. P. Ingalls secretary.

Funds appropriated to

##### KEOKUK DISTRICT—

Keokuk City Mission.....	\$ 100.00
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##### MUSCATINE DISTRICT—

Harrisburg Mission.....	65.00
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##### BURLINGTON DISTRICT—

Burriss City Mission.....	50.00
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##### ALBIA DISTRICT—

Floris Mission .....	60.00
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##### OSKALOOSA DISTRICT—

Millersburgh Mission.....	50.00
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##### DES MOINES DISTRICT—

Des Moines City.....	150.00
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##### CHARITON DISTRICT—

Chariton Mission.....	\$ 75.00
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Decatur Mission.....	100.00
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Mt. Ayer Mission.....	50.00	
Afton Mission .....	50.00	
		\$ 275.00
COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT .....	\$ 150.00	
Lewis and Pottawatamie Mission.....	100.00	
Glenwood Mission .....	100.00	
Montgomery Mission .....	50.00	
Audubon Mission .....	50.00	
Magnolia Mission .....	50.00	
Buena Vista Mission.....	50.00	
		\$ 550.00
	Total .....	\$1300.00
Respectfully submitted.	W. SIMPSON, Chairman,	
	P. P. INGALLS, Secretary.	
I concur in the above appropriations.	E. R. AMES.	

*Proceedings for Publication.*—A request being made by the editor of the Iowa State Journal for the privilege of making an abstract of the proceedings of the Conference for publication in his paper. The request on motion granted.

*Report on Periodicals.*—The committee on periodicals reported. The resolutions of the report were severally considered and adopted, and the report as a whole adopted.

#### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The committee to which was referred the subject of our periodicals report as follows:

They are glad to learn that, as a whole, our periodicals are in a prosperous condition, in respect both to their character and the extent of their circulation. Still, we believe that the number issued might be greatly increased. It has been found by experience that, when adequate exertions are made, each family among our members and hearers might be induced to take one of our weekly papers, a missionary Advocate and a Sunday School Advocate. This has been done already in many places. This is the case among our German brethren.

While it is a cause of thankfulness that our papers are in so healthy a condition in general, it is of importance to this Conference that they would make some one paper their principal organ, without depreciating others. The Central Advocate would seem to claim this from our hands. The Upper Iowa Conference has specially selected the North-Western for their principal organ. Our own local interests would require that we should make a selection of some one paper, that we might promote more effectually our own institutions.

It is also a matter of importance that the Methodist Quarterly

should be circulated, both among our preachers and members, in view of the valuable matter it contains.

Your committee would, therefore, present the following resolutions for the adoption of the Conference:

Resolved, First—That we rejoice in consequence of the sound character of our papers as well as the extent of their circulation.

Resolved, Second—That we will endeavor to place one of our weekly papers, a missionary Advocate and a Sunday School Advocate, in every family among our members and hearers.

Resolved, Third—That this Conference selects the Central Christian Advocate as its principal organ, in discussing those subjects which particularly concern us, as a Conference; and we heartily commend the editor for his able and efficient course in the cause of freedom.

Resolved, Fourth—That we exhort as many of our preachers as feel able to subscribe for the Methodist Quarterly, as well as to obtain all the subscribers they can among the laity.

John Jay  
Charles Elliott

September 24th, 1857.

*Report of Visitors to I. W. U.*—The visiting committee to the Iowa Wesleyan University made their report. The report was accepted.

#### REPORT OF VISITORS TO IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The visitors appointed to the Iowa Wesleyan University present the following report:

They were in attendance at the annual examinations of the classes, the sessions of the Board of Trustees, the anniversaries of the literary societies and the commencement exercises. They endeavored, so far as their limited time would permit, to make themselves fully acquainted with condition, prospects and wants of the University.

The examination of the classes in the various departments was critical and searching, and gave ample evidence of diligence, fidelity and devotion on the part of the teachers; and of close application and proficiency on the part of the students. All the classes passed credible examinations, many acquitted themselves with great credit and manifested the first order of ability and superior scholarship.

Much attention had evidently been bestowed by the board of instructors in impressing general principles upon the minds of the students. Instead of merely communicating facts and training their classes to repeat lessons and solve problems, they had taught them to draw from facts important general deductions and from the solution of problems to deduce leading principles; thus laying the basis of a truly philosophical education. As a result, the students, by their apt

and ready answers showed that they had not only read and understood the text books but had thoroughly mastered the various subjects. The course of studies and the plan of instruction adopted is admirably calculated to develop the reasoning powers, and joined with a little more attention to the ornamental branches of education, may be expected to produce the most finished scholars.

The method of having the youth of both sexes to recite in the same classes has thus far succeeded admirably. This system is well calculated, by the laudable emulation it inspires, to lead to close application and good scholarship on the part of both young gentlemen and ladies. The young ladies in the regular college classes exhibited ability to cope successfully with the young men in the more difficult and abstruse sciences. Even in the higher mathematics, to which they have sometimes been considered unequal, they had made the most satisfactory proficiency. The examinations, as a whole, were highly honorable to the institution and reflected great credit upon both teachers and scholars.

The anniversaries of the literary societies were deeply interesting. The essays, orations and debates of the young gentlemen of the Hamline society were of a high order, evincing careful research, close thought and able reasoning. The young men delivered their pieces in a dignified, manly and energetic manner. A few were too tedious, which detracted somewhat from the interest their pieces would have commanded.

The exhibition of the Ruthean society was very excellent. The compositions of the young ladies abounded in forcible thought, neatly and elegantly expressed, and in pure and elevated sentiment. Adorned with the flights of fancy, sparkling with the gems and beauties of a transparent style, and presented with the charm of an almost faultless delivery they won the meed of universal praise.

The exercises of commencement day closed these rich literary festivities. Five young gentlemen, preparatory to the reception of the honors of their alma mater, delivered their graduating addresses to an appreciative and delighted audience. The speeches of the young men were all good. Abounding in clear and impressive thought, elegantly written, gracefully delivered and containing choice touches of pathos, they produced an admirable impression.

This was followed in the afternoon by the baccalaureate of President Berry. His theme, "The Elements of Great Character", was treated in his own masterly style and exhibited the massive strength, elegance and force characteristic of the productions of the author. The conferring of the degrees upon the members of the graduating class closed this occasion of surpassing interest. All felt that this commencement was a proud day for the University.

The visitors made careful endeavor to ascertain the exact financial condition of the institution. They investigated, as far as time



would permit, the books, accounts and transactions of the agents and executive committee. They were gratified to find that an improvement had been made in the manner of keeping the accounts of the institution. Regular books have been opened and are kept by a competent hand. Had this method been adopted sooner, much confusion and many complaints would have been avoided. The matter complained of is, however, now removed; and we think all complaints on that account should cease.

The following is an exhibit of the present financial condition of the University:

## ASSETS.

Campus and Building .....	\$ 35,000.00
Real Estate, Land and City Lots .....	25,000.00
Scholarships sold .....	43,400.00
Balance on Preachers' and Citizens' Bond .....	11,811.17
Apparatus and Library Fund .....	1,469.70

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Total Assets .....\$116,680.87

## LIABILITIES.

Notes and Mortgages to various individuals .....	\$ 17,608.50
Due Scholarship Fund .....	3,947.55
Due Teachers and Janitor .....	3,300.00

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Total Liabilities .....\$ 24,856.05

Balance of Assets .....\$ 91,824.82

This exhibit shows that the finances of the institution are still in a safe condition. It is rapidly acquiring a deep hold on the public heart; and in securing public confidence it will secure a firm basis for financial prosperity. Its success, educationally, has been a marvel. As by magic it has sprung up in our midst, exhibiting, we believe, an educational prosperity never before equalled in any country. With an existence, as a university, of only two years it has a large number in regular classes, and has graduated six promising young men. The lusciousness of its first fruits presage a rich and abundant harvest. In an enterprise, however, so magnificent as the building up of a first-class university in our comparatively new Conference, a heavy demand must necessarily be made upon the enlarged liberality of the whole church. It is hoped the institution, its wants and the vast importance of sustaining it will soon be faithfully presented to every member in our bounds; and thus enlist our entire membership in this work. As ministers we are already fully committed to this great enterprise. Our means, our prayers, our sympathies, our pledges have all been given to it. With us it is no experiment that may be abounded at pleasure. Our reputation as leaders in a great educational movement and honors of Methodism are pledged in behalf of the University. The demands of God and

the rising youth are upon us, and hold us to the fulfillment of our pledges. Thus far no common success has attended us. We now stand confessedly in the van of educational movements in our state. We have an enviable position among our sister churches and may be almost said to hold in our hands the keys of the educational interests of our noble state. Favored thus by Divine providence with a position so commanding, possessing a faculty whose highest commendation is that they need no praise, with the vast resources of the church awaiting our bidding and the rising youth turning to us with hope, we would be recreant to ourselves and to our high trusts if we faltered in this great cause. With such a brilliant past to encourage us, with a prospect of such inviting beauty spread out before us, with a high career of usefulness in our reach, and with motives so commanding to animate us onward, let us enter with renewed interest in this work. Let us give to it our undivided co-operation, and strive to elevate our own and the donations of our people to an altitude commensurate with the magnificence of the enterprise in which we are enlisted. With the advancing rush of population westward we should erect literary institutions of the first class, and thus roll the advancing wave of light simultaneously with the march of the empire, side by side with our Christian temples we should erect the temple of learning, that the bright light of science, commingling in beautiful harmony with the mellowed and holier light falling from the hill of God, may diffuse its radiant beauty over all the land and render its designed assistance for the elevation of our race. Foremost among these temples of light we recognize our University; and as such, we commend it, brethren, to your confidence, your sympathies and prayers. Encourage it in its onward path. Gather in each successive year, from our beautiful plains and rising cities an increasing number of students. Thus shall it still send forth bands of trained and devoted young men and ladies to bless mankind, and future generations shall rise up and call you blessed.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the committee.

Wm. Simpson, Chairman.

A. C. McDonald, Secretary.

*Credentials Presented.*—The credentials of C. S. Jennis, a former member of the Erie Annual Conference, were presented by Bro. Simpson, Presiding Elder of the Oskaloos District, and placed on file.

*Report on Tobacco.*—The report of the committee on the vice tobacco was presented. The report was taken up item by item, and thus adopted, and was adopted as a whole.

#### REPORT ON TOBACCO.

Your committee, appointed to take into consideration the subject

of tobacco, beg leave to report the following preamble and resolutions for adoption by this Conference:

Whereas, During the last few years the use of tobacco has been a rapidly increasing evil among Christians and Christian ministers until money by thousands is worse than squandered in its use, and until a habit is formed which often leads to intemperance and a dissolute course of life. And whereas we see no prospect of this ungentlemanly and filthy practice decreasing until ministers of the gospel fully array themselves against it. Therefore,

Resolved, First—That we will discountenance its use among our people by example as well as by precept.

Second—That we will publicly, as well as privately, speak against this indecent practice.

Third—That we heartily sanction the course of the editor of the Central Christian Advocate on this subject and hope he will continue in well doing.

M. F. Shinn

W. Dennett

*Report on Temperance.*—The report of the committee on temperance was presented. The report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of temperance submit the following:

We feel as much as ever convinced of the importance of this great work and rejoice to know that the temperance reformation is still onward. Therefore,

Resolved, That, as a body of ministers, we will on all suitable occasions use our best endeavors to discourage the making, selling, or using intoxicating liquors; and that we will not cease our efforts until the temperance cause shall triumph over all the land.

Respectfully submitted.

H. H. Badley, Secretary.

A. Bussey, Chairman.

*Third Question.*—The third question was resumed. John Elrod was admitted into full connection and elected to deacon's orders. T. T. Henderson was discontinued by a count vote of 28 to 16. W. B. Munson was discontinued at his own request. W. A. Pile and B. Mitchell were admitted into full connection and elected to deacon's orders. W. C. Williams passed and continued on trial. J. S. Rand and James Haynes were admitted and elected to deacon's orders. Wm. Posten was continued on trial. B. F. Williams and W. Howbert were admitted and elected to deacon's orders. G. W. Friend being a deacon was admitted into full connection. I. L. Mandeville was discontinued on

account of ill health. S. S. Gruber and John M. Rust were admitted into full connection and elected to deacon's orders. John Heaton was admitted into full connection, being a deacon. T. D. Boyle was continued on trial.

*Examinations.*—On motion all studies of the prescribed course not mastered by undergraduates were referred back for examination next year.

*Gardner's Case.*—J. E. Gardner's name was called and represented. Moved to discontinue him. Moved as a substitute to continue him on trial. Lost by a count vote of 29 to 24. Moved further to refer his case to a committee for consultation. Carried. R. B. Allender, M. F. Shinn, I. I. Stewart, A. J. Kirkpatrick, Dr. Corkhill constituted said committee.

*Finances of New London Circuit.*—Dr. Power requested the Conference to refer the financial business of New London circuit for the past year to a committee for examination. On motion the request was granted and referred to the board of stewards.

*Irish Missions.*—On motion the business of the Irish delegation was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The Conference on motion adjourned to give place to a meeting of the corporators of Iowa Wesleyan University.

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### **Fourth Day**

DES MOINES, IOWA, Sept. 26th, 1857.

Conference met, Bishop Ames presiding. Singing and prayer by Bro. Waring. Minutes read and approved.

*Examining Committees.*—On motion it was ordered that each Presiding Elder in conjunction with one traveling elder of his district constitute a committee for the examination of local candidates for deacon's and elder's orders. The following examining committees for next year were announced by the Bishop:

First year: A. C. McDonald, O. C. Shelton, I. P. Teter. Second year: M. H. Hare, J. W. Sullivan, E. H. Waring. Third year: J. C. Smith, S. Reynolds, W. Dennett. Fourth year: D. Worthington, E. L. Briggs, R. S. Robinson.

*Vice-Presidents Sunday School Union.*—On motion the bishop

was requested to nominate a vice-president for the Sunday School Union of this Conference. Dr. Powers was nominated and elected by the Conference for this position.

*Reconsidered.*—On motion the vote by which Bro. Shinn was granted a location was reconsidered.

*Located.*—W. D. Fouts was granted a location.

*Third Question.*—The third question was resumed. The committee on the case of J. E. Gardner reported. His character was passed by a count vote. On motion he was discontinued by a count vote of 26 to 20.

#### REPORT OF CASE OF REV. J. E. GARDNER.

The committee to whom the case of Bro. J. E. Gardner was referred report:

That, upon examination, we think that there were imprudencies on the part of Bro. Gardner, which may have given rise to the rumors in circulation, but would recommend that he be continued on trial another year.

R. B. ALLENDER, Chairman.

*Effective Elders.*—The examination of effective elders was resumed. The case of Bro. E. L. Briggs was taken up, represented and his character passed.

*Educational Papers Referred.*—Documents were presented from Council Bluffs district by the Presiding Elder which on motion were referred to the committee on education.

*Irish Mission Substitute.*—Dr. Berry moved to appoint a committee to apportion the sum of \$3000 among the different districts and charges for the benefit of the Irish mission. Bro. Brooks offered as a substitute to proceed at once to raise the amount. By mutual consent the business was laid over for the purpose of testing individual contributions.

*Afternoon Session.*—On motion the Conference resolved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 2:00 o'clock p. m.

*Leave of Absence.*—The committee on appeal cases were on motion granted leave of absence during the afternoon session.

*Assistant Secretary.*—On motion the second assistant secretary was added to the committee on appeal trials to act in the case of Rev. John Orr.

*Current Expenses of University.*—The resolutions passed by the corporators of yesterday and requested to be passed by the Conference were introduced, viz.:

Resolved, That T. E. Corkhill, E. S. Briggs and I. P. Teter be and are hereby constituted a committee for the purpose of apportioning the sum of \$4000 among the several districts for the purpose of assisting in defraying the current expenses of Iowa Wesleyan University. Moved to amend, that the amount so raised be strictly applied to the payment of salaries of those who are engaged in teaching in the institution.

On motion the Conference adjourned.

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference met, Bishop Ames in the chair. Religious services by Bro. Bussey. Minutes read and approved.

*Located.*—J. L. Forte and I. P. Teter were each granted a location at their own request.

*Instructions to Stewards.*—On motion the Conference Stewards were allowed to use their own discretion in the appropriation of Conference funds.

*Discontinued.*—John Palmer's character passed and he discontinued at his own request.

*Local Orders.*—John Welsh and A. J. Barton, local preachers, were represented as having passed a satisfactory examination, were elected to deacon's orders. John Crea was recommended, but not having mastered the course of study, was not elected. John Wicoff, James Harlan were recommended and elected. On motion the vote by which John Crea was not elected was reconsidered and he elected. Henry W. Thomas, an ordained minister in the Evangelical Albright church, being properly recommended was recognized as a deacon, he taking upon him the ordination vows of our church in the presence of the Conference. A. C. Barnes, being properly recommended, was elected to deacon's orders. Benjamin Rector recommended and elected to deacon's orders. S. H. Stringfield recommended, but he not having been examined on the course of study, the recommendation was laid on the table.

*Missionary Credit.*—On motion the managers of the Conference Missionary Society were requested to admit and credit to the account of college chapel charge, Mt. Pleasant, a receipt for blank books and Missionary Advocate in the hands of W. Dennett.

*Current Expenses of University.*—The business pending in the morning was resumed and the resolution together with the apportionment accepted as follows:

#### APPORTIONMENT OF CURRENT EXPENSES OF UNIVERSITY.

The corporators resolved to raise within our bounds \$4,000 to assist in meeting the current expenses of Iowa Wesleyan University, and appointed a committee to distribute the sum to be raised among the several districts in the Conference. That committee makes the following report:

Keokuk District.....	\$500.00
Burlington District.....	500.00
Mt. Pleasant District.....	575.00
Muscatine District .....	450.00
Albia District.....	450.00
Oskaloosa District.....	450.00
Des Moines District.....	425.00
Chariton District.....	350.00
Council Bluffs District.....	300.00
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	\$4000.00

T. E. CORKHILL,  
E. L. BRIGGS,  
I. P. TETER.

*Report of Special Committee on Missionary Cause.*—Dr. Berry, chairman of the special committee on the documents presented on behalf of the mission cause reported, which was adopted item by item, and also as a whole. On motion the report was ordered to be published in the Central and North-Western Christian Advocates.

*Report on Education.*—The committee on education reported in part as follows: Your committee ask the election of the following as visitors to the Iowa Wesleyan University: J. C. Smith, I. A. Bradrick, E. L. Briggs, S. Haines, J. Guylee, J. B. Hardy, A. C. McDonald, S. Hestwood and M. Miller.

*Report on Periodicals, No. 2.*—Dr. Elliott presented the following supplement to the report of the committee on periodicals. Adopted. On motion the report was ordered to be published in the Central and North-Western Christian Advocates.

#### REPORT ON PERIODICALS NO. 2.

Whereas, we learn by a letter from the book agent at Cincinnati, dated Sept. 1st, 1857, that the loss for publishing the Central

Christian Advocate for the current year will be \$6,000, while the subscription list is 5,000, and with the same list the loss must be the same for next year. On this account it is asked by the agents: "Are we justifiable in publishing this paper at such a yearly loss?" It is stated that it would require 12,000 subscribers to support the paper. In view of this state of the Central, be it resolved by the Iowa Annual Conference of the M. E. church that we will employ extra exertions to increase the subscription list of the Central Christian Advocate for the next year. C. ELLIOTT.

*Accounts Referred.*—Bro. Doughty then addressed the Conference on the subject of his agency, and the following list of delinquents were read and referred: W. C. Munson, referred to Presiding Elder of Burlington district; D. D. Clary, referred to Presiding Elder of Council Bluffs district; W. D. Fouts, referred to J. Q. Hammond; J. B. Wiles, referred to Presiding Elder, New London; J. Paschal to P. C. Reynolds; F. M. Slusser to Bro. Simpson; L. T. Rowley to Bro. Miller; J. M. Rust granted one year extension; D. Dickinson, referred to Bro. Ingalls; H. C. Boyers, discretionary with the agents; J. Welsh to Bro. Simpson; R. H. Harrison to J. C. Smith; R. Aldridge to Bro. Ingalls; J. H. Bellamy to Bro. Stewart; A. Collins to Bro. Twining; C. Woolsey extended six months.

*Reports.*—Bro. Johnson presented the reports of the treasurer of the Sunday school society and of funds of the tract society. On motion he was instructed to put the funds thus reported belonging to those societies into the hands of the book agent.

#### REPORT OF TREASURER OF CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION AND TRACT SOCIETY

##### Collections for Sunday School Union—

Old Zion, Burlington, Rev. I. I. Bradrick.....	\$5.00
Dodgeville, Rev. I. McClaskey.....	.25
Oskaloosa, Rev. F. M. Slusser.....	8.00
Peoria, Rev. T. T. Henderson.....	6.00
Indianola, Rev. H. H. Badley.....	5.00
Fayette Mission, Rev. R. Mulholland.....	2.00
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	\$26.25

##### Tract Collections—

Bloomfield, Rev. A. Bussey.....	1.00
Oskaloosa, Rev. F. M. Slusser.....	3.50
Pella.....	2.10
Peoria, Rev. T. T. Henderson.....	2.50
Indianola, Rev. H. H. Badley.....	2.50
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	\$11.50



*Louden Seminary.*—A literary institution located at Loudon, Iowa, was presented to the Conference, and on motion of Dr. Berry was accepted, provided that they raise the sum of twenty thousand dollars to erect suitable buildings for the same. It was further voted that this Conference will incur or assume no financial liabilities for the same.

*Publishing Committees.*—On motion Dr. Berry was elected a member of the publishing committee of the Central Christian Advocate, and M. H. Hare of the North-Western Christian Advocate.

*Coleman Case.*—The committee on the case of Bro. A. Coleman reported that the parties met before the committee, and after a brief interview concluded that the matters in question grew out of a misunderstanding between them, and the accusing party withdrew all charges and complaints, and the case was mutually adjusted and disposed of.

*Reconsidered.*—The vote by which I. P. Teter was granted a location, was reconsidered and he restored.

*Transfer Requested.*—On motion the Bishop was by a unanimous rising vote requested to transfer Rev. L. L. Hamline to Iowa Conference.

*Transfers.*—On motion of Bro. Simpson it was resolved that it is our opinion that the work in Iowa requires the transfer of no more men this year.

*Trunk, Etc.*—On motion of Dr. Berry, Bro. Brooks was requested to furnish a good and sufficient trunk for the purpose of containing the Conference documents, and to deposit with the documents two copies of all the published minutes of our Conference, one copy to be for the use of the Conference and the other for the use of the college. A collection amounting to \$15.35 was taken for the above purpose.

*Night Session.*—On motion it was resolved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet immediately after the missionary meeting tonight to receive our appointments.

*Sabbath Travel.*—On motion it was resolved that although we receive our appointments tonight, yet we will not travel on the Sabbath, but remain in this city till Monday.

*Location.*—A. Coleman was granted a location at his own request.

*I. P. Teter.*—Moved that so much of the minutes as refers to the case of Bro. Teter be stricken out. Vote taken. Lost.

*Rev. S. Clark's Obituary.*—Bro. Brooks, chairman of the committee, was requested to furnish and publish an obituary of the late Rev. Samuel Clark.

*Minute Money.*—On motion Bro. Haines was appointed to receive the monies to defray the publishing of the Conference Minutes. (Forthcoming.)

*Instructions.*—Bro. Brooks was instructed to publish 2000 copies.

*J. W. B. Hewitt's Case.*—Committee in the case of J. W. B. Hewitt reported: "The decision in the lower court affirmed."

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Thursday, September 24, 1857.

The committee appointed to try the appeal cases referred to them met according to the call of the chairman. The meeting was called to order by the chairman and opened by prayer, after which the committee took up the case of J. W. B. Hewitt, a member of the Ft. Des Moines Station quarterly conference. The appellant stated as the ground of his appeal: First, want of cause of action; second, the illegalities committed in the prosecution. Third, the injustice done me.

The minutes of the trial of the accused before the quarterly conference having been read, the appellant proceeded to state at length his exceptions to the decision rendered by the Ft. Des Moines station quarterly conference. The appellant then retired and on motion the decision of the conference above cited in the case of J. W. B. Hewitt was affirmed.

The minutes were read and approved and on motion the committee adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman.

D. WORTHINGTON, Chairman.

*Jno. Orr's Case.*—The appeal case of John Orr sent back to Osceola Quarterly Conference for a new trial.

#### CASE OF REV. JOHN ORR.

FT. DES MOINES, Sept. 25, 1857.

The committee appointed to try the appeal cases referred to them met by the order of the chairman. The meeting was called to order by the chairman and opened with prayer by Bro. Robinson. The committee then took up the case of Rev. John Orr. The appellant stated the grounds of his appeal: First, no cause of action; second, maladministration; third, oppression. On motion the committee resolved to entertain the appeal.

The minutes of the trial of the accused before the Osceola quarterly conference having been read, the appellant made his defense and was followed by the prosecution. At this stage of the

proceedings on motion the committee adjourned to meet at 7:00 p. m.

FRIDAY EVENING, Sept. 25, 1857.

The committee met pursuant to adjournment. Called to order by the chairman, and the meeting opened with prayer by Bro. Bussey. The prosecution resumed. The appellant replied. On motion the committee adjourned to meet tomorrow at 1:30 p. m.

SATURDAY, Sept. 26, 1857.

The committee met pursuant to adjournment. The case of Rev. John Orr was resumed, and on motion the case was remanded back for a new hearing. On motion the committee adjourned.

D. WORTHINGTON, Chairman.

W. J. SPAULDING, Secretary.

On motion Conference adjourned. Benediction by S. Haines.

#### EVENING SESSION.

SATURDAY EVENING, September 26, 1857.

Conference met, Bishop Ames in the chair.

*Stewards' Report.*—The Conference Stewards made their report. Money distributed as follows: Sister Arrington and children, sent by Bro. Robinson, \$40; Sister Jamison, sent by Dr. Corkhill, \$40; Bro. Ockerman, sent by Bro. Hammond, \$8.00; Sister Clark and children, sent by Bro. Clark, \$40.00; L. C. Woodford, sent by Bro. Twining, \$17.53.

#### STEWARDS' REPORT.

Receipts by fifth collection and for necessitous cases—

Keokuk District.....	\$ 17 30
Burlington.....	29 41
Muscatine.....	5 30
Mt. Pleasant.....	4 23
Albia.....	3 75
Oskaloosa.....	50 00
Des Moines.....	10 00
Council Bluffs.....	1 00
Chartered fund.....	20 00
Miscellaneous.....	5 53

\$ 155 53

The Stewards have appropriated the above as follows:—

Mrs. Arrington and children.....	\$ 50 00
Mrs. Jamison and child.....	40 00
Mrs. Clark and child.....	40 00
Bro. Ockerman's child.....	8 00
Bro. L. C. Woodford.....	17 53

\$ 155 53

M. H. HARE, Chairman.

*First Question.*—Who are admitted on trial? L. B. Crowel and A. N. Murphy. A. C. Barnhart was re-admitted on certificate of location.

*Transfer.*—The transfer of A. Badley was announced by the Bishop.

*I. I. Stewart.*—I. I. Stewart was, on motion, granted a supernumerary relation.

*Bible Report.*—The committee on the Bible cause made their report, as follows:

#### REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The committee on the Bible cause beg leave to submit the following as their report:

And first we are heartily glad to inform the Conference that the interest which our people take in the support of the cause and the general circulation of the scriptures suffers no abatement.

And secondly, that the contributions from the various circuits and stations will show, notwithstanding partial failure in the crops and the pressure in monetary matters, a very considerable increase over last year's reports. This is encouraging and we trust that all our ministers and members will continue to labor as heretofore with the other branches of the Protestant church, until every man, woman and child in all this goodly land shall be supplied with "the Word of Life". There are now two general agents employed in the state, one in northern and the other in southern Iowa; and we may confidently expect that every considerable portion of our state will be visited during the coming year, and arrangements made by which all may have access to the Holy Scriptures. Therefore,

Resolved, First—That we approve of this division of the work in our state and the appointment of two general agents.

Second—That we will cheerfully co-operate with the agents in our various fields of labor and that we will take up a collection for the Bible cause in all our congregations, whether visited by the agent or not.

Third—That all funds collected on our several charges be passed to the credit of the auxiliary within whose bounds the collections are made (unless otherwise directed by the donors.) And that this arrangement be explained to the congregation at the time of making the collection.

Fourth—That each preacher in charge report to this Conference the amount collected on his pastoral charge for the Bible cause.

C. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

Moved to amend the report by instructing each minister to report the amount collected in his charge, with the statistics. Carried. Report as amended was adopted.

*Sunday School Report.*—The committee on Sunday Schools

made their report. On motion so much of the report as refers to the appointment of an agent, was laid on the table. The remainder of the report was then adopted.

*Resolutions.*—The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we hereafter will make our missionary contributions in our several charges, instead of making them at the General Conference.

J. B. HARDY,  
I. GASSNER.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder be required to ask in the Quarterly Conference how many pastoral visits they have made during the quarter and also if the class papers have been examined and regulated and if they have led the classes.

J. Q. HAMMOND,  
J. GUYLEE,  
J. HARRIS,  
T. T. INGALS.

Moved to amend by requesting the Presiding Elder to make ten pastoral calls per week. On motion the subject was laid on the table.

*Thanks.*---The following resolution was unanimously adopted by rising vote:

Resolved, That we tender the citizens of Des Moines our most sincere thanks for the satisfactory manner in which they have entertained this Conference.

M. H. HARE,  
JOSEPH BROOKS.

*Irish Mission Subscription.*---Bro. Scott, the Irish delegate, reported the amount of the collection in the Conference for the evangelization of Ireland to amount to something over \$3000.

The journal was read up preparatory to final adjournment.

*Close of Session.*---Religious services were conducted by the Bishop and Dr. Elliott, after which the appointments were announced by the Bishop and Conference adjourned with the singing of the doxology and benediction pronounced by Bro. Berry.

E. R. AMES.

JOSEPH BROOKS, Secretary.

## APPOINTMENTS

### KEOKUK DISTRICT—M. MILLER, P. E.

Keokuk, Exchange Street	M. F. Shinn
Keokuk, Chatham Square	J. C. Smith
Montrose	R. Mulholland
Farmington	J. F. Goolman
Bentonsport	C. Morey, G. W. Conrad
Birmingham	S. Brooks
Keosauqua	L. T. Rowley
Troy	B. Holland
Pittsburg	N. Wells
Vernon	John Hunt
Libertyville	J. H. McCutchen
Keokuk City Mission	S. Haines
Sugar Creek	To be supplied

J. Brooks, Editor of Central Christian Advocate, member of Chatham Square quarterly conference.

### BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—J. H. POWER, P. E.

Burlington, Old Zion	I. A. Bradrick
Burlington, Ebenezer	S. Reynolds
Ft. Madison	D. H. Sargent
Denmark	A. S. Prather
West Point	G. N. Power
Augusta	D. Worthington
New London	Hugh Gibson
Dodgeville	I. McClaskey, D. Thompson
Kossuth	E. H. Waring
Wapello	James G. Thompson
Burriss City Mission	Abner Orr

### MUSCATINE DISTRICT.—E. W. TWINING, P. E.

Muscatine	John Harris
Muscatine Circuit	J. B. Hill, S. F. C. Garrison
Grandview	John Elrod
Oakdale	J. W. Sullivan
Blue Grass	G. W. Friend
Cedar Valley	A. W. Stryker
Richmond	J. T. Simmons

Washington .....	W. Dennett
Northbend .....	W. Poston
Harrisburgh Mission .....	To be supplied
Washington Circuit .....	W. C. Shippen

### MT. PLEASANT DISTRICT—J. McDOWELL, P. E.

Mt. Pleasant, Asbury Chapel .....	M. H. Hare
Mt. Pleasant, University Charge .....	C. Elliott
Mt. Pleasant Circuit .....	M. See
Salem .....	W. A. Pile
Glasgow .....	O. C. Shelton, C. G. Milnes
Fairfield .....	P. F. Holtzinger
Brookville .....	J. Gassner
Brighton .....	A. J. Kirkpatrick
Marshall .....	H. W. Thomas
Crawfordsville .....	C. P. Reynolds

L. W. Berry, President; H. Crellin, C. Elliott, T. Audas, W. J. Spaulding, Professors; T. E. Corkhill and J. Darrah, Agents, of Iowa Wesleyan University, all members of University Charge quarterly conference.

### ALBIA DISTRICT—J. Q. HAMMOND, P. E.

Albia .....	F. W. Evans
Centerville .....	E. L. Briggs, E. Hill
Unionville .....	F. H. Carey
Drakeville .....	I. P. Teter
Bloomfield .....	S. Hestwood
Springville .....	T. D. Boyles
Floris Mission .....	B. Mitchell
Agency City .....	R. B. Allender
Ottumwa .....	A. Robinson
Chillicothe .....	G. H. Clark
Hamilton .....	W. S. Peterson
Cleveland .....	To be supplied

### OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.—W. SIMPSON, P. E.

Oskaloosa .....	W. F. Cowles, I. I. Stewart, supply
Eddyville .....	R. S. Robinson
Fremont .....	J. Jay, G. Clammer
Sigourney .....	F. M. Slusser
Millersburgh Mission .....	B. F. Shinn
Marengo .....	A. C. Barnhart, P. F. Brezee
Montezuma .....	Jesse Craig
Indianapolis .....	W. A. Scott
Peoria .....	S. S. Gruber
Pella .....	D. W. Robinson
Attica .....	G. W. Bamford

DES MOINES DISTRICT—JOHN HARDY, P. E.

Des Moines .....	G. B. Jocelyn
Des Moines City Mission.....	A. C. McDonald
Adel.....	A. W. Johnson, J. W. Todd
Winterset .....	James Haynes
Indianola.....	H. H. Badley, M. Carrier
Hartford.....	A. Laubach
Knoxville.....	A. Badley
Rising Sun .....	L. A. Smith, J. W. Prince
Greencastle.....	A. H. Murphy
Newton.....	E. M. H. Flemming
Monroe.....	A. Bussey
Panora.....	J. Heaton
Wheeling.....	Enoch Wood

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CHARITON DISTRICT.—P. P. INGALLS, P. E.

Chariton .....	L. P. Crowell
Chariton Mission.....	B. F. Williams
Brooklyn.....	T. Dixon
Oceola .....	J. R. Carey, G. W. Byrkit
Afton Mission.....	C. F. Spooner
Mt. Ayer Mission.....	J. Sherwood
Decatur Mission.....	W. C. Williams
Leon .....	E. T. Coiner
Corydon .....	D. T. Sweem
Lagrange.....	J. Delay
Newburn.....	J. B. Rawls
Adair.....	Wm. Clarridge

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COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT—J. GUYLEE, P. E.

Council Bluffs Mission.....	T. M. Goodfellow
Glenwood Mission.....	D. H. Petefish
Loudon .....	W. Howbart
Sidney.....	C. Wooley
Clarinda.....	To be supplied
Lewis and Pottawatamie .....	J. M. Rust
Audubon Mission.....	J. M. Baker
Magnolia Mission.....	J. S. Rand
Taylor .....	Isaac Kelly
Quincy.....	Isaac Burns
Montgomery Mission.....	R. M. Donahoo
Buena Vista.....	J. W. Anderson

W. W. Bailey transferred to the Upper Iowa Conference, and stationed at Tipton. S. P. Crawford transferred to the Upper Iowa Conference.



## Statistics for Iowa Conference for 1857

### KEOKUK DISTRICT

Circuits and Stations.	Numbers				Bap.		Church Property			Benevolent Contributions					Sunday Schools				
	Members	Deaths...	Probationers	Local Preach's	Adults...	Children.	Churches	Probable Value	Parson-ages	Probable Value	Confer'ce Claims	Mission'y Society	Tract Society	Bible Society	Sunday Sch. Un.	Schools ..	Officers & Teachers	Scholars .	Vol. in Library
Keokuk, Exchange Street.....	167	1	20	4	12	10	1	\$ 7000	---	\$-----	\$ 6 00	\$100 00	---	\$84 00	-----	1	30	150	400
Keokuk, Chatham Square.....	157	2	23	4	1	1	1	30000	---	-----	---	102 15	---	90 00	-----	1	25	175	1435
Montrose.....	95	1	12	4	---	---	3	1500	---	-----	---	22 64	---	---	-----	4	35	134	656
Farmington.....	140	---	26	---	---	2	2	4000	---	-----	---	16 59	---	---	-----	3	27	150	---
Bentonsport.....	302	3	1	2	6	8	2	3000	---	-----	---	10 40	---	---	-----	5	40	250	600
Birmingham.....	235	8	25	---	10	15	3	2000	1	600	10 00	116 25	---	---	-----	4	42	280	650
Libertyville.....	248	5	8	5	22	10	1	600	1	600	1 30	39 25	---	---	-----	1	7	50	125
Keosauqua.....	150	---	20	1	---	---	1	4000	1	---	---	---	---	---	-----	2	25	80	415
Troy.....	339	---	6	4	10	25	1	1500	1	500	---	53 00	---	---	-----	7	79	263	670
Pittsburg.....	180	---	5	1	---	3	1	400	---	---	---	22 50	---	---	-----	5	32	126	400
Vernon.....	131	---	29	2	6	---	1	---	---	---	---	21 70	---	---	-----	2	18	56	162
Total.....	2144	20	195	23	67	74	17	\$ 56000	4	\$ 1700	\$17 30	\$ 504 48	---	174 00	-----	35	360	1704	5508

### BURLINGTON DISTRICT

Burlington, Zion	145	4	15		4	4	1	\$ 9000	1	\$ 3000	\$ 8 00	\$ 113 75		\$67 25	5 00	1	21	125	600
Burlington, Ebenezer	130	2	6				1	15000				39 00		30 00		1	20	140	260
Fort Madison	66	2	3			2	1	900								1	7	80	200
Denmark	48		15	1			1	200				3 00				3	12	90	120
West Point	140		16	1	11	1	1	2400				19 50				1	7	60	120
Augusta	172	3	15	1	3		4	5000	1	400	5 00	51 40		22 05		3	35	125	585
New London	243		26	6			3	4600		600	2 00	32 35		16 00		3	40	275	425
Dodgeville	143	1	59	1	11	14	1	2000	1	100	10 40	50 00		10 00	25	4	31	250	800
Northfield	135		1				2					29 00				5			
Wapello	104	1	17	1	8	10	2	4000	1			2 10		24 35		2	22	135	286
Harrisburg	30	1	6	2	12	12										1	6	50	
Total	1356	14	179	13	49	47	17	\$ 27900	5	\$ 4100	\$29 40	\$ 340 10		169 65	\$ 5 25	25	201	1330	3376

### MUSCATINE DISTRICT

Muscatine Station.....	240	4	10	2	2	10	1	\$ 10000		\$		\$	*\$147 60	\$	\$54 75	\$	1	25	240	500
Muscatine Circuit.....	220	1	50	3		15							40 00				3	30	250	400
Grandview.....	123	1	15	1	6	2	1	800	1	500							1	19	80	250
Burriss City Mission.....	27	1		1		1	1	800					25 00				1	7	35	60
Oakdale.....	73		39	3	15	20	2	2000	1	700			5 85				2	22	120	1000
Blue Grass.....	132		26	1	7	20	2	600	1	1000	3 05		35 30				3	30	71	403
Wilton.....																				
Cedar Valley.....	95		6	2		6	25	1	800	1	500						2	6	50	50
Richmond.....	234	4	20	5	10	13	1	1200	1	500	2 25		8 00				5	45	190	575
Washington Station.....	100	2	11	1		1	1	6000							43 65		1	21	80	750
North Bend.....	90	1	6	1	3	6	1	1000					7 00				1	6	50	100
Total.....	1334	14	183	20	49	113	11	\$ 23200	5	\$ 3200	\$ 5 30	\$ 244 00		\$98 40			20	212	1166	4088

\* \$85 of the above (Muscatine Station) for the Irish fund.

### MT. PLEASANT DISTRICT

Mr. Pleasant, Asbury Chapel.....	292	2	16	5	9	9	1	\$ 15000	1	\$ 1000	\$	\$ 168 00	\$	\$43 00	\$	1	39	200	45
Mt. Pleasant, University Chapel.....	225	2	16	7	3	3			1	3000		300 00	4 40	140 00		1	20	140	843
Mt. Pleasant.....	376	2	64	8	30	20	4	4000				75 00				7	54	220	1055
Salem.....	225	5	37	6	18	8	1	1700				68 68				4	27	192	375
Glasgow.....	272	7	35	4	6	18	3	1600				23 00		3 50		5	50	216	671
Fairfield.....	269	5	13	2			1	3000	1	800		80 00				1	28	161	379
Brookville.....	462	4	58	3	22	16	3	4500								6	52	225	400
Brighton.....	260	2	112	5	65	75	2	2500	1	800		83 00		43 35		7	70	280	1200
Marshall.....	175	3	15	4	3	2	2	5000	1	800	3 23	49 85		130 00		2	80	154	418
Crawfordsville.....	287	1	42	6	10	8	2	2800	1	2700		60 00				6	56	198	1185
Washington Circuit.....	130	1	12	4		3	2	2200				64 00				3	20	140	300
Swede Mission.....																			
Total.....	2973	34	420	54	166	162	21	\$ 42300	6	\$ 9100	\$ 3 23	\$ 971 53	4 40	359 85		43	496	2126	5871

### ALBIA DISTRICT

Albia.....	175		36	1	40	15	1	500	1	600						3	21	205	300
Centerville.....	340	5	67	8	5	28	1	1000	1	400	1 75	22 75				1	17	80	250
Unionville.....	168	2	33	3	5	6	1	1150				18 00				7	65	219	563
Drakeville.....	188	2	28	3	9	10	3	1500	1	300	1 00	8 00				4	42	220	640
Bloomfield.....	130	2	16		15	12	1	3000			1 00	9 60	1 00			1	25	70	250
Springville.....	332	3	61	2	3	1						8 25				2	12	60	150
Florice Mission.....	130	2	40	5	10	8	1	200	1	250	3 50	3 50				5	45	250	400
Agency City.....	401	5	50	4	66	30	3	4000				110 00		67 90		4	60	217	681
Ottumwa.....	139	1	55	1	2	5	1	5000				46 15		20 00		3	38	188	875
Chillicothe.....	250	3	20	1	12	8	1	1004	1	350		5 00				3	30	130	280
Hamilton.....	165	2	23	2	5	7	2	1000	1	75		43 50				5	42	160	486
Total.....	2418	27	429	30	175	140	15	\$ 18304	6	\$ 1975	\$ 7 25	\$ 274 75	1 00	\$87 90		38	397	1799	4875

## Statistics for Iowa Conference for 1857

### OSKALOOSA DISTRICT

Circuits and Stations.	Numbers				Bap.		Church Property				Benevolent Contributions					Sunday Schools			
	Members	Deaths	Probationers	Local Preachers	Adults	Children	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	Conference Claims	Missionary Society	Tract Society	Bible Society	Sunday Sch. Un.	Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Vol. in Library
Oskaloosa Station	331	3	4	5	4	10	1	\$ 3000	1	\$ 900	\$ 8 00	\$ 63 30	3 50	\$	\$ 8 00	1	60	150	700
Eddyville	317	19	5	5	5	20	2	2500			12 00	141 48				3	45	300	600
Fremont	150	2	70	1	5	4	4	3700			10 00	30 00			10 00	4	48	200	350
Sigourney	171	1	39	3			1	1500	1	300	7 60					3	30	209	417
Millersburg	121	1	20			6	1	400	1	400	5 00	25 00							
Marengo	207	3	18	3	6	4			1	400	12 00			35 00		2	15	65	250
Montezuma	120	3					1	405				15 00				2	20	100	220
Indianapolis Mission	182	4	40	2	3	5			1	200	5 00					2	16	50	170
Peoria	255	4	39	13	13	9	2	800			1 00	40 00	2 50	2 50	6 00	4	42	220	273
Pella	141	1	28	1	10	5	1	2500				10 30	2 00			3	25	150	
Attica	266	6	95	3			1	1500	1	450		69 00				4	36	160	245
Total	2361	27	372	36	46	63	14	\$ 16305	6	\$ 2650	\$60 60	\$ 394 08	8 00	\$37 50	\$24 00	29	337	1604	3225

### FT. DES MOINES DISTRICT

Fort Des Moines Station	150	2	20	2	1		1	\$ 8000		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 4 16	\$	1	19	105	488
Des Moines City Mission	45	1	5			6	1	3500				30 00		25 00		1	22	136	500
Adel	271	3	16	4	3	13						30 00		84 00		8	76	320	700
Panora	114	2	14	2			1	500				8 60				1	16	60	114
Winterset	143	2	30	3		3	1	2000				8 00			32 00	1	10	75	75
Indianola	495	6	145	9	50	40	1	5000	1	500		216 00	2 30	84 55	5 00	8	60	350	1200
Hartford	280	6	89	6			3	2000	1	400		19 35				5	38	200	500
Knoxville	280	3	120	4	12	10	1	6000			10 00	60 00		50 00		3	50	300	950
Rising Sun	232	3	53	5	18	6						60 00		60 00		5	28	170	455
Greencastle	111	1	44	1		4						14 80				1	8	24	50
Newton	120	1	36		10	13	1	1500	1	500		71 34		100 00		1	16	80	450
Monroe	180	3	12	3			2	2000				10 00		30 00		1	10	75	200
Total	2421	33	584	39	94	95	12	\$ 30500	3	\$ 1400	\$10 00	\$468 09	2 30	437 71	\$37 00	36	353	1895	5632

# CHARITON DISTRICT

Chariton Station.....	175	---	25	3	---	---	1	\$	---	1	\$	---	---	---	---	---	2	20	120	200
Chariton Circuit.....	70	---	10	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Brooklyn.....	24	2	35	4	5	12	---	---	1	250	---	31	10	---	---	---	4	51	175	463
Osceola.....	285	1	32	6	17	20	---	---	---	10 00	---	10	00	---	---	---	5	40	200	450
Afton.....	99	---	11	7	17	---	---	---	1	600	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mt. Ayer.....	125	1	50	1	6	6	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	39	60	---	11	10	25	40
Decatur.....	130	2	16	1	2	6	1	700	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	16	68	300
Leon.....	233	---	---	7	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corydon.....	218	1	21	---	2	10	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	15	50	200
Lagrange.....	260	1	32	4	1	4	---	---	---	---	---	10	00	---	---	---	6	50	197	386
Newburn.....	255	2	51	---	15	12	1	700	---	---	---	9	10	---	---	---	8	68	190	520
Adair.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total.....	1874	10	283	35	67	70	3	\$ 1400	3	\$ 850	\$10 00	\$ 60 20	\$	\$39 60	\$	---	32	262	1005	2559

# COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT

Council Bluffs.....	52	---	---	1	2	4	1	\$ 2500	---	---	---	\$ 6 00	---	---	---	---	1	12	90	200
Pottawatomie.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Glenwood.....	63	1	4	2	---	---	1	1500	1	600	---	30	00	---	137	50	2	23	90	300
Fayette.....	134	1	86	2	12	3	1	800	1	800	1 00	52	00	---	94	00	6	60	256	1150
Sidney.....	123	1	10	6	4	6	---	---	1	400	---	39	05	---	75	00	5	50	200	500
Clarinda and Montgomery Cir.....	126	1	32	4	---	---	---	---	1	700	---	7	25	---	---	---	4	---	---	---
Lewis Mission.....	50	---	3	---	---	---	1	2000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	10	40	200
Audubon and Shelby Mission.....	50	---	10	2	4	6	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	7	40	50
Magnolia Mission.....	125	1	17	2	---	---	---	---	1	300	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	18	60	120
Taylor.....	188	---	12	2	1	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	18	100	350
Quincy.....	97	2	22	2	2	4	1	600	1	100	---	3	25	---	---	---	2	9	---	---
Total.....	1008	7	196	25	27	8	5	\$ 7400	6	\$ 2900	\$ 1 00	\$ 137 55	\$	306 50	\$ 2 00	---	27	207	876	2870

# RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS

Keokuk District.....	2144	20	195	23	67	74	17	\$ 50000	4	\$ 1700	\$17 30	\$ 504 48	---	174	00	---	35	360	1704	5508
Burlington District.....	1356	14	179	13	49	47	17	27900	5	4100	29 40	340 10	---	169	65	5 25	25	201	1330	3376
Muscatine District.....	1334	14	183	20	49	113	11	23200	5	3200	5 30	244 00	---	98	40	---	20	212	1166	4088
Mt Pleasant District.....	2973	34	420	54	166	162	21	42300	6	9100	3 23	971 53	4 40	359	85	---	43	496	2126	5871
Albia District.....	2418	27	429	30	175	140	15	18304	6	1975	7 25	274 75	1 00	87	90	---	38	397	1799	4875
Oskaloosa District.....	2361	27	372	36	46	63	14	16305	6	2650	60 60	394 08	8 00	37	50	24 00	29	337	1604	3225
Ft. Des Moines District.....	2421	33	584	39	94	95	12	30500	3	1400	10 00	468 09	2 30	437	71	37 00	36	353	1895	5632
Chariton District.....	1874	10	283	35	67	70	3	1400	3	850	10 00	60 20	---	39	60	---	32	262	1005	2559
Council Bluffs District.....	1008	7	196	25	27	8	5	7400	6	2900	1 00	137 55	---	306	50	2 00	27	207	876	2870
Grand total this year.....	17889	186	2841	275	740	772	115	\$ 217309	44	\$ 28075	144 08	\$3394 78	15 70	1511	11	\$68 25	285	2825	13505	38004
Total last year.....	15889	---	2858	206	---	---	104	---	43	---	205 45	1887 60	289 84	729	70	455 38	229	2411	12664	33944
Increase.....	2000	---	---	69	---	---	11	---	1	---	---	\$1507 18	---	\$781	41	---	56	414	841	4060
Decrease.....	---	---	17	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	161 37	---	274 14	---	387 03	---	---	---	---	---

## Sunday School Statistics

No Sunday School Reports, but those on the first four items in the list and the contributions for Sunday School Union have been preserved.

APPOINTMENTS.	Number Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars -	Vol. in Library	No. Bible Classes	Scholars Inf. Class	Expenses of Sch's for Year	Raised for ben. pur.	S. S. Ad- vocates Taken..	Conver- sions ---
Keokuk .....	35	360	1704	5508						
Burlington .....	25	201	1330	3376				5 25		
Muscatine .....	20	212	1166	4088						
Mt. Pleasant .....	43	496	2126	5871						
Albia .....	38	397	1799	4875						
Oskaloosa .....	29	337	1604	3225				24 00		
Ft. Des Moines .....	36	353	1895	5632				37 00		
Chariton .....	32	262	1005	2559						
Council Bluffs .....	27	207	876	2870						
Total this year .....	285	2825	13505	38004				\$68 25		
Total last year .....	229	2411	13372	33861				270 76		
Increase .....	56	414	133	4143						
Decrease .....								202 51		